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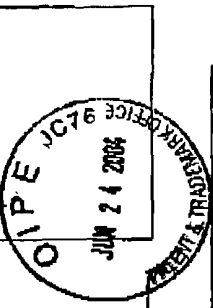
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Docket No. 1509-189 Serial No. 09/881,763 Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicants: MAPLE et al. : Confirmation No. 8249  
 Serial No.: 09/881,763 : Art Unit: 2651  
 Filed: June 18, 2001 : Examiner: G. Rodriguez  
 For: SEARCHING FOR APPEND POINT IN DATA STORAGE DEVICE  
 Sir:

Attached is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small-entity status of this application has been established.  
☐ Also attached:

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2004 (Paper No. 5), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application: